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As legal gambling surges, some states want to teach teens about the risks

By WAYNE PARRY  
Associated Press  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — As a high school senior, Nick was blessed with a deadly accurate jump shot from the three-point range — something he was quick to monetize. He and his gym classmates not far from the Jersey Shore would compete to see who could make the most baskets, at \$5 or \$10 a pop. “It gave a different dynamic to the day, a certain level of excitement,” Nick said. “Little did I know how far it would continue to go.” Before long, he was gambling staggering sums of money on sports, costing him over \$700,000 in the past decade. He hit rock bottom last year when he stole \$35,000 from his workplace and gambled it away on international tennis and soccer matches — sports he admittedly knew nothing about.



A roulette wheel spins at the Hard Rock casino in Atlantic City N.J., on May 17, 2023.

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## As legal gambling surges, some states want to teach teens about the risks



Chips sit on a roulette table at the Hard Rock casino in Atlantic City N.J., on May 17, 2023.

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Wagering is now easier than ever for adults – and children – and there's a growing movement in the U.S. to offer problem gambling education courses in public schools to teach teenagers how easily and quickly things can go wrong with betting. It's a trend that Nick wishes had existed when his gambling habit took root in high school and led him on a path to financial ruin. He asked not to be identified by his full name because he has pending criminal charges stemming from his gambling addiction. The 27-year-old plans to look for work after his charges are resolved, and he fears the job hunt will be even harder if he's identified publicly as a compulsive gambler. The rapid expansion of legalized sports betting in 33 states, with three more states coming soon, has brought steps designed to keep children from gambling, including age confirmation and identity checks. But teens can bypass betting restrictions and place wagers on their phones by using a parent or other relative's ac-

count, or via unregulated offshore betting sites that can be less vigilant about age checks. And some teens have weekend poker games where hundreds of dollars are won or lost, often fueled by money from parents. According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, 60% to 80% of high school students report having gambled for money during the past year; 4% to 6% of these students are considered at risk of developing a gambling problem. Now, a few states are moving toward gambling education in public schools. The effort is in its infancy, and the details of what would be taught are still to be determined. Virginia enacted a law last year requiring schools to have classes on gambling and its addictive potential. The state Board of Education is still formulating the curriculum and must report back to state government before lessons can begin. Other states are trying as well, including New Jersey and Michigan, which have bills pending in their legislatures to create such classes. Similar legislation failed in Maryland and West Virginia

in recent years, but they're expected to try again. The legal gambling age in many states is 21, but is as low as 18 in others. Keith Whyte, executive director of the problem gambling council, recently spoke to a group of 40 high school juniors in Virginia. "Every single one of them said either they bet, or said their friends bet," he said. "Almost every single one of them had sports betting apps on their phones; some were legal; more were not." Whyte said widespread gambling risk education could be "comparable to the dramatic reduction in drunk driving deaths from when drinking and driving education became widespread." Teresa Svincek is a teacher at a suburban Maryland school outside Washington, where many of her students are "heavily into sports betting" and weekly poker games. "They laugh at losing hundreds of dollars over a weekend," she said. "When I was their age, I was busy working to earn money, and losing what they lose over a weekend was what I made in a month. I think these kids are the future tip

of the iceberg." Teen gambling can take other forms, too. So-called "loot boxes" in online games offer prizes to players, but they have to spend real money to get the rewards. Buying tokens or other game equipment has been a fixture of online games for years, Whyte said, and it can get children to normalize the idea of spending money to "win" something. Dan Trolaro, vice president of prevention at EPIC Risk Management and a recovered compulsive gambler, said gambling is the logical next issue to address in the classroom. "We educate very well on alcohol, on substances, on stranger danger, on cannabis," he said. "But we don't do anything around gambling." Maryland state Sen. Bryan Simonaire has tried twice in recent years to pass a gambling education bill, unsuccessfully. "We have been expanding gambling in Maryland, and the schools got extra money for education," said Simonaire. "I went to them and said, 'Yes, you got the money from gambling, but you also have the respon-

sibility to help those who will become addicted to gambling.'" Simonaire's father died penniless after gambling binges near his home in Arizona.

The American Gaming Association, the national trade group for the commercial casino industry, recently adopted an advertising code of conduct. It aims to make sure gambling ads don't appear in places that will likely be primarily seen or read by children. But restrictions only go so far, as kids may simply use their parents' accounts to bet.

The money Nick made shooting three-pointers in his New Jersey gym class soon turned into a \$300 to \$500 a week gambling habit. His first big bet was on the 2013 NBA finals, when he lost \$200 backing the San Antonio Spurs in a bet with a friend.

"Even at that early point, there was this chase involved: If only I could win that \$200 back, or how great would it be if I could win \$300 on the next bet?" he said. "You want back what you lost."

Fresh out of high school, Nick was betting large sums with bookies.

Last July, while working at a business selling high-value sports trading cards, Nick took a \$35,000 payment from a customer and lost it in a weekend of gambling, mostly on overseas tennis and soccer matches, "things I knew nothing about." He confessed to his boss, who called police, and Nick was charged with theft. He hopes to have the charge expunged from his criminal record through a pre-trial intervention program for nonviolent offenders.

Nick thinks having some sort of gambling education in high school would have made a "huge" difference in his life.

"I couldn't see that I was in a cycle that started at an early age," he said. "I might have been more conscious of how much money I was going through on a daily basis and what I was doing to myself." □

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# U.S. expands slots for asylum app at land crossings

By VALERIE GONZALEZ and ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) —

U.S. authorities on Thursday expanded slots to seek asylum at land crossings with Mexico through a mobile app for the second time in less than a month, seeking to dispel doubts it isn't a viable option.

There are now 1,250 appointments daily at eight land crossings, up from 1,000 previously and 740 in early May.

The increase "reflects our commitment to continue to expand lawful options for migrants," said Blas Nuñez-Neto, the Homeland Security Department's assistant secretary for border and immigration policy. "We'll continue to expand appointments at the border as our operations allow in terms of capacity."

Nuñez-Neto called CBP One a "safe and orderly option" during a visit to Harlingen, Texas. He announced the expansion a week after Texas sued to end what the state government considers an illegal method of boosting immigration.

Demand has far outstripped supply from the Jan. 12 start, prompting many to consider crossing



A United States Customs and Border Protection officer points towards a line of people waiting to apply for asylum at the pedestrian entrance to the San Isidro Port of Entry, linking Tijuana, Mexico with San Diego, Thursday, June 1, 2023, in Tijuana, Mexico.

Associated Press

the border illegally or giving up. Enrique Lucero, migrant affairs director for the city of Tijuana, said the latest increase would have little impact considering how many are waiting.

"It's not a big deal," he said. "It's still very low and not enough for the pent-up demand."

After pandemic-related asylum restrictions ended

May 11, the Biden administration continued its embrace of a carrot-and-stick approach to the border, introducing a general ban on asylum for people who travel through other countries, like Mexico, and enter the U.S. illegally.

U.S. authorities are trying to funnel people to "legal pathways" like CBP One and parole for up to 30,000

Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans who apply online with a financial sponsor and arrive by air.

CBP One is for people of any nationality who apply in central and northern and northern Mexico and enter by land.

The expansion on Thursday was met with cautious optimism and mild indifference

among some of the 150 people, mostly families with young children, camped on a sidewalk at a border crossing where Tijuana leads to San Diego, hoping U.S. officials admit them without a CBP One appointment.

They said it appeared authorities were allowing about one family every several hours, enough to create a growing bottleneck over the last week as word spread it was an alternative.

Carlos Vasquez, 25, reached southern Mexico from Honduras in January with his pregnant wife and their 4-year-old daughter and started trying daily on the app once he was in central Mexico. He became frustrated and, on Monday, began sleeping at the border camp, hoping U.S. officials would take mercy on his family.

Vasquez said the increase to 1,250 a day was good news but not enough for a major impact.

"We are many and there are few chosen," he said.

Sergio Hernandez, 35, scored an appointment on May 24 after more than five months of daily effort. The appointments are scheduled up to two weeks out. □

# Ghost guns banned under new Colorado law signed by governor

By JESSE BEDAYN

Associated Press/Report for America

DENVER (AP) —

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis signed a bill Friday banning firearms that are assembled at home or 3D-printed without serial numbers, practices that allowed owners to evade background checks and impede law enforcement's ability to track a gun's origins.

The new law is the latest in a slew of gun control measures signed by Polis this year. The state joins 11 others, including California, New York and Nevada, in regulating the so-called ghost guns, which have been linked to high-profile

mass shootings across the U.S.

The use of ghost guns in crimes has risen 1,000% since 2017, according to

the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

A gunman in Sacramento, California, who fatally

shot his three adolescent daughters, another adult and himself at a church last year had been barred from owning firearms, but was able to obtain a ghost gun. In Colorado, the person accused of killing five people at an LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado Springs and another who wounded two administrators at a Denver high school had possessed ghost guns before the killings, according to authorities.

The new law also prohibits everyone but licensed firearm manufacturers from creating firearm frames or receivers, which house internal components. Under a federal gun bill signed

by President Joe Biden last year, manufacturers are already required to put serial numbers on those parts.

The Colorado law bans the transport and possession of frames and receivers that don't have serial numbers. The law allows those who currently have ghost guns to get them serialized at a licensed dealership by 2024, though the dealer will be required to run a background check before giving the firearm back.

"Every Coloradan deserves to feel safe in their homes, schools, and communities without fear of gun violence," Polis said in a statement. □



Visitors stand on the west steps of the Colorado State Capitol on April 23, 2023, in Denver.

Associated Press



## Disney lawsuit judge removes himself from case but not for reasons cited by DeSantis

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — A federal judge overseeing the First Amendment lawsuit that Walt Disney Parks filed against Gov. Ron DeSantis and others is disqualifying himself, but not because of bias claims made by the Florida governor.

Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker said in a court filing Thursday that it was because a relative owns 30 shares of Disney stock. Walker described the person as “a third-degree relative,” which typically means a cousin, a great-aunt or great-uncle, or a great-niece or great-nephew. The governor’s lawyers had filed a motion to disqualify Walker last month because he had referenced the ongoing dispute between the DeSantis administration and Disney during hearings in two unrelated lawsuits before him dealing with free speech issues and fear of retaliation for violating new laws championed by the governor and Republican lawmakers.

Disney had opposed the governor’s motion, saying the judge had shown no bias. The judge on Thursday called DeSantis’ arguments “without merit.” DeSantis declared his candidacy for the 2024 GOP presidential



Travelers check out a jumbo screen projecting images of Walt Disney World in the east hall atrium at Orlando International Airport, Thursday, May 25, 2023 in Orlando, Fla.

Associated Press

nomination last week.

Under the code of conduct for federal judges, Walker wasn’t required to look into the financial interests of third-degree relatives but did so and decided that “disqualification from this proceeding is required under the circumstances,” he said. “Even though I believe it is highly unlikely that these proceedings will have a

substantial effect on The Walt Disney Company, I choose to err on the side of caution which, here, is also the side of judicial integrity and disqualify myself,” said Walker, who was nominated to the federal bench in 2012 by President Barack Obama.

The feud between DeSantis and Disney started last year after the company, in the

face of significant pressure, publicly opposed legislation concerning lessons on sexual orientation and gender identity in early grades that critics called “Don’t Say Gay.”

As punishment, DeSantis took over Disney World’s governing district through legislation passed by lawmakers and appointed a new board of supervi-

sors. Before the new board came in, the company signed agreements with the old board made up of Disney supporters that stripped the new supervisors of design and construction authority.

In response, the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature passed legislation allowing the DeSantis-appointed board to repeal those agreements and made the theme park resort’s monorail system subject to state inspection, when it previously had been done in-house.

Disney filed the First Amendment lawsuit against the Florida governor and the DeSantis-appointed board in April, claiming violations of free speech and the contracts clause.

The DeSantis-appointed board, known as the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District, sued Disney in state court in Orlando seeking to void the deals the company made with the previous board.

DeSantis on Thursday named Tampa attorney Charbel Barakat to the oversight board to replace Michael Sasso, who resigned last month around the same time the governor appointed Sasso’s wife, Meredith, to the Florida Supreme Court. □

## Haitian businessman gets life sentence in 2021 assassination of Haiti’s president



An image of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse is displayed at a news conference, Feb. 14, 2023, in Miami.

Associated Press

By GISELA SALOMON

Associated Press

**MIAMI (AP)** — A federal judge in Miami sentenced a Haitian-Chilean businessman Friday to life in prison for his role in helping Colombian mercenaries get weapons to assassinate Haitian President Jovenel Moïse in 2021.

Rodolphe Jaar, 51, is the first person to be convicted and sentenced in what U.S. prosecutors have described as a broad plot by conspirators in Haiti and Florida to reap lucrative

contracts under a new administration once Moïse was out of the way.

An additional 10 defendants are awaiting trial in the United States.

Jaar, who has dual Haitian and Chilean citizenship, previously had been an informant for the U.S. government and had been convicted of drug trafficking a decade ago. He pleaded guilty in March to conspiracy to commit murder or kidnapping outside the United States, and to providing material support resulting in

death.

Federal Judge José E. Martínez handed down the sentence at a 10-minute hearing at the federal court in downtown Miami. Jaar received the maximum sentence he faced despite pleading guilty and pledging to cooperate with investigators in hopes of receiving a lighter sentence. Moïse was killed on July 7, 2021, when assailants broke into his private home in Port-au-Prince.

He was 53 years old. □



# U.N. anti-drug agency warns there is no let-up in meth trade

By JINTAMAS SAKSORN-CHAI and GRANT PECK  
Associated Press

**BANGKOK (AP)** — The huge trade in methamphetamine and other illegal drugs originating from a small corner of Southeast Asia shows no signs of slowing down, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime warned Friday.

"High volumes of methamphetamine continue to be produced and trafficked in and from the region while the production of ketamine and other synthetic drugs has expanded," said the agency's 2023 report, Synthetic Drugs in East and Southeast Asia the first since the borders reopened post-COVID-19 pandemic.

The report shows a pattern of criminal groups reestablishing themselves to the pre-pandemic stage, and significantly changing trafficking routes.

The lion's share of methamphetamine, in the form of tablets and crystal meth, comes from the area known as the Golden Triangle, where the borders of Myanmar, Laos and Thailand meet. The production of opium and heroin used to flourish there, mainly because of the lawlessness around Myanmar's remote



Thai officers display seized crystal methamphetamine which were disguised as packages of tea during a news conference in Bangkok, Thailand, Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Associated Press

eastern Shan State. The area, much of it jungle, remains the domain of various ethnic minority militias, some of them partners in the drug trade.

"Methamphetamine continues to be the most used drug in East and Southeast Asia and that use has increased over the past decade," the report says.

It's also easier to make on an industrial scale than the labor-intensive cultivation

of opium, from which heroin is derived. The drug is then distributed by land, sea and air all around Asia and the Pacific.

The report says the control that major organized crime groups have over territories "has allowed them to massively increase and diversify supply for the purposes of market expansion and domination."

"The most powerful regional trafficking networks

are able to operate with a high degree of certainty they can and will not be stopped, and they are able to dictate the terms and conditions of the market as a result," it said. There have been record methamphetamine seizures almost every year for the past decade in East and Southeast Asia, but the latest data suggest that the total drugs seized declined in 2022 to 151 tons, according to the report.

Jeremy Douglas, UNODC regional representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, particularly noted at a news conference Friday in Bangkok that the situation in Myanmar's Shan State was "quite concerning" due to the past year's unprecedented drop in drug seizures there, despite being "the epicenter of production for Asia Pacific," which he said was directly related to the conflicts and instability in the area.

The report suggests the overall decrease in seizures was due to traffickers changing their smuggling routes from land to maritime to evade authorities, explaining that shipments are made by sea from Myanmar's coastal regions. Thailand recently made two major busts of crystal meth that was expected to be transported to a third country by sea. On Tuesday, nearly a ton of the drugs was seized off the coast in the Gulf of Thailand, which Thai authorities suspected were en route to be loaded to a bigger ship in international waters. Drugs that were seized in several recent raids were supposedly bound for Australia, Thai authorities have said. □

# Passenger train derails in India, killing at least 50 and trapping many others

By ASHOK SHARMA  
Associated Press

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — Two passenger trains derailed in India on Friday, killing at least 50 people and trapping hundreds of others inside more than a dozen damaged coaches, officials said. About 400 people were injured and taken to hospitals after the accident, which happened nearly 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) northwest of the capital of New Delhi, officials said. The cause was under investigation. Dattatraya Bhausaheb Shinde, the top administrator in the Balasore district, said at least 50 people were dead. Nearly 500 police officers

and rescue workers with 75 ambulances and buses responded to the accident, said Pradeep Jena, the top bureaucrat of the Odisha state. Rescuers were attempting to free 200 people feared trapped in the wreckage, said D.B. Shinde, administrator of the state's Balasore district. Amitabh Sharma, a railroad ministry spokesman, said 10 to 12 coaches of one train derailed, and debris from some of the mangled coaches fell onto a nearby track. It was hit by another passenger train coming from the opposite direction.

Up to three coaches of the second train also derailed. The Press Trust of India news

agency said the derailed Coromandel Express was traveling from Howrah in West Bengal state to Chennai, the capital of southern Tamil Nadu state.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was distressed by the accident. "In this hour of grief, my thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover soon," tweeted Modi, who said he had spoken to the railway minister and that "all possible assistance" was being offered. Despite government efforts to improve rail safety, several hundred accidents occur every year on India's railways, the largest train network under one management in the world.

In August 1995, two trains collided near New Delhi, killing 358 people in the worst train accident in India's history. Most train accidents are blamed on human error or outdated signaling equipment. □



Rescuers work at the site of passenger trains that derailed in Balasore district, in the eastern Indian state of Orissa, Friday, June 2, 2023.

Press Trust of India via Associated Press



# Clashes in Senegal kill at least 9; government bans social media platforms and closes university

By **BABACAR DIONE and SAM MEDNICK**

Associated Press

**DAKAR, Senegal (AP)** —

Clashes between police and supporters of Senegalese opposition leader Ousmane Sonko left nine people dead, the government said Friday, with authorities issuing a blanket ban on the use of several social media platforms in the aftermath of the violence.

The deaths occurred mainly in the capital, Dakar, and the city of Ziguinchor in the south, where Sonko is mayor, Interior Minister Antoine Felix Abdoulaye Diome said in a statement.

Some social media sites used by demonstrators to incite violence, such as Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter have been suspended, he said.

"The state of Senegal has taken every measure to guarantee the safety of people and property. We are going to reinforce security everywhere in the country," Diome said. On Friday, the government deployed the military to parts of the city as clashes continued between police and Sonko supporters.

Sonko was convicted Thursday of corrupting youth but acquitted on charges of raping a woman who worked at a massage



**Demonstrators run after police officers fired tear gas during a protest in support of the main opposition leader Ousmane Sonko in Dakar, Senegal, Monday, May 29, 2023.**

Associated Press

parlor and making death threats against her. Sonko, who didn't attend his trial in Dakar, was sentenced to two years in prison. His lawyer said a warrant hadn't been issued yet for his arrest. Sonko came in third in Senegal's 2019 presidential election and is popular with the country's youth. His supporters maintain his legal troubles are part of a government effort to derail his candidacy in the 2024 presidential election. Sonko is considered President Macky Sall's main

competition and has urged Sall to state publicly that he won't seek a third term in office.

Since the verdict was announced, clashes have erupted throughout the country, with protesters throwing rocks, burning vehicles and in some places erecting barricades while police fired tear gas. Associated Press reporters saw plumes of black smoke and tear gas being fired throughout the city.

The clashes forced the closure of the main university

in Dakar. On Friday, AP reporters watched students streaming out carrying luggage on their heads, walking past the shells of burnt-out cars in the university compound.

"I blame the students for the vandalism. As for the situation in the country, I blame the government," said Saliou Bewe, a 25-year-old master's student. Bewe said it was the second time the university had closed because of protests related to Sonko. In 2021, at least 14 people were killed

during clashes when authorities arrested Sonko for disturbing public order on the way to his court hearing. This time, the student said, it was much worse.

"Buses have been damaged, the administration, too. The classrooms have been damaged. There was a lot of vandalism and that's deplorable," he said. He doubts he'll be able to sit his exams scheduled to take place in 10 days' time. Security forces patrolled the streets Friday and stood guard outside some supermarkets and shops, anticipating more unrest. Tight security remained around Sonko's house with police preventing anyone from getting close to the premises. Sonko has not been heard from since the verdict. However, his PASTEF-Patriots party has called for people to take to the streets in protest.

Rights groups have condemned the government crackdown, which has included arbitrary arrests and restrictions on social media. "These restrictions on the right to freedom of expression and information constitute arbitrary measures contrary to international law, and cannot be justified by security reasons," Amnesty International said in a statement. □

# U.S. retaliates for Russia's suspension of New START treaty

By **MATTHEW LEE**

AP Diplomatic Writer

**OSLO, Norway (AP)** —

The Biden administration is retaliating for Russia's suspension of the New START nuclear treaty, announcing Thursday it is revoking the visas of Russian nuclear inspectors, denying pending applications for new monitors and canceling standard clearances for Russian aircraft to enter U.S. airspace.

The State Department said it was taking those steps and others in response to Russia's "ongoing viola-

tions" of New START, the last arms control treaty remaining between the two countries, which are currently at severe odds over the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

"The United States is committed to full and mutual implementation of the New START treaty," it said. "Consistent with that commitment, the United States has adopted lawful countermeasures in response to the Russian Federation's ongoing violations of the New START treaty."

The department said the visa revocations and ap-

plication denials, as well as a U.S. decision to stop sharing information on the status or locations of missiles and telemetry data on test launches with Russia, were consistent with international law because of Russia's actions. The U.S. will, however, continue to notify Russia when it conducts test launches, it said, adding that the steps it was taking were reversible provided Moscow returns to compliance with the treaty.

Despite being extended shortly after President Joe



**U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaks at a press conference following the NATO foreign ministers meeting in Oslo, Norway, Thursday, June 1, 2023.**

Associated Press

Biden took office in January 2021, New START has been severely tested by Russia's war in Ukraine and has been on life support

for since Russian President Vladimir Putin announced Russia would no longer comply with its requirements. □



## Watch out for Blue Crab Migration near Savaneta



(Oranjestad)—The department of nature & environment in Aruba are urging motorists to watch out for blue crabs crossing the road in Pos Chiquito to make their way to the ocean.

They added a new bright

yellow road sign with "Land Crab Crossing" to remind people to be cautious while driving on the highway on Pos Chiquito with blue crabs. Blue crabs in Aruba are found plenty near the beach areas, especially in Pos Chiquito, because of the amount of mangroves.



They are known to dig holes deep in the beach sand in seek of humidity. The diet of blue crabs consists of decomposed trees, insects, scorpions and rest of dead animals. Nesting season for blue crabs is between June & July.



### Why protect blue crabs?

Because they are of high value for the ecology of the mangroves. Conserving the blue crabs is cru-

cial for the preservation of mangroves.

Watch out for crossing blue crabs on the highway near Pos Chiquito & Santo Largo. □

## This year we celebrate 20 years of Papiamentu as the official language of Aruba

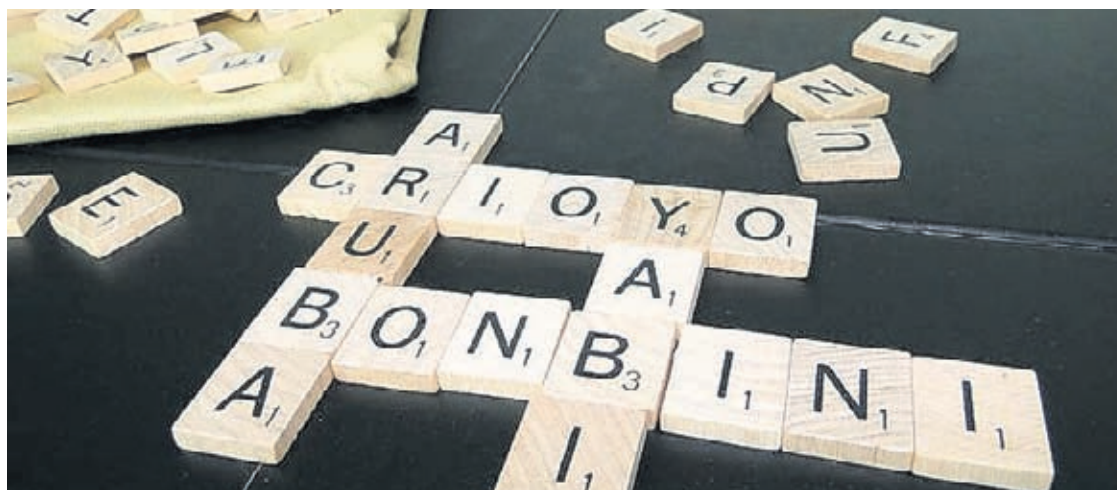
On May 21, 2023, it was exactly 20 years since the Parliament approved the law that made Papiamentu the official language of Aruba. This law is called "Landsverordening officiële talen" (Official Languages Ordinance). Through this law, both Papiamentu and Dutch became the official languages of Aruba alongside each other.

### The goal of the law

In the explanatory memorandum of the law, it is explained that the objective of this law is to formally establish that Papiamentu and Dutch are the official languages of Aruba. The memorandum further emphasizes that these two languages have equal value. The law aims to promote the use of Papiamentu in the government and legal sectors. It also opens the possibility for citizens to request the translation of government documents into Papiamentu if they have a legitimate interest. This will encourage government departments to write bilingual documents in Papiamentu.

### Reason for the law

For quite some time, and especially since Aruba's Status Aparte, there has been a growing desire to



use Papiamentu as a language with equal value to Dutch in all areas of the community, both spoken and written. People have become more aware of their cultural identity and the importance of language in this process. This is also explained in the explanatory memorandum of the law.

### Papiamentu in education

Until the 20th century, Dutch was the only language of instruction in most schools in the ABC islands. Prominent individuals have argued since the 19th century that this was not the best instructional approach. The inadequate command of Dutch among students affected their performance in other subjects, not just Dutch itself. These issues persist in education to this day. Despite over 80%

of households speaking Papiamentu (Pilot Census October 2019), Papiamentu has not played a significant role as a language of instruction, except in the two pilot schools of the Multilingual School Project. Most students in Aruba are literate (reading and writing) in Dutch, which is a foreign language for them. Additionally, Aruba has a Dutch education system, and the value of diplomas is crucial for those who wish to pursue further studies.

The question is: How can we ensure that students have a solid foundation in their mother tongue while also providing them with the tools to continue their studies? How can we establish a continuous language pathway from early childhood education to higher education? Over

the years, extensive research has been conducted on this topic, particularly regarding the language of instruction, which remains a sensitive issue. To address this problem, the Minister of Education and Sports, Mr. Endy Croes, assigned the Department of Education (DEA) the task of conducting a National Debate. This process took place from March to December 2022, involving more than 50 consultations with various stakeholders within and outside of the education sector. In December, the DEA commission responsible for the task provided a preliminary advice to the minister, and in March 2023, the final advice was delivered. The majority of stakeholders expressed the desire for students to learn four languages in school, including Papiamentu, to

develop their multilingual skills. Most agree that students should become literate in Papiamentu and learn Dutch to a level that allows them to pursue education in Dutch at the secondary and higher levels.

### Papiamentu in everyday life

Although most Arubans speak an average of four languages (Papiamentu, Dutch, English and Spanish), the majority of citizens on the island speak Papiamentu at home and outside, often time most fluently than the other languages. Not only does Papiamentu form a part of our historical and cultural development, but to some extent, our personal development as well. Our native language is one of the many aspects of our identity that connect us with the trailblazers that have come before us, with our fellow man in the present, and with the future generation of Arubans. Papiamentu is ingrained in all our everyday activities, whether it be in a professional or personal setting. It is for this reason that we hold such pride for our native tongue, and continue to strive for its promotion and further development. □



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As the saying goes: "Behind every successful man, is a strong

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## Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors at Tamarijn All Inclusive Resort



The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure to recognize Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. These Distinguished Visitors were respectively honored with a certificate acknowledging their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests whom have visited Aruba 10, 20, or

35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:  
Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)  
Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)  
Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

### The honorees were:

Distinguished Visitors  
Mr. Thomas E. Brown & Mrs. Sonya D. Van Norden from Connecticut, United States.

Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Tamarijn All Inclusive Resort bestowed the Distinguished Visitor certificate to the honorees, presented them with gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and

as their home-away-from-home.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba, provided by Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Sonya were:  
Aruba's warm and friendly people whom always treat them like family  
Aruba's year-round sunny weather – It is always sunny here!

The safety of the island  
The variety of fun activities

to choose from

Hearing and saying the word "Mi dushi" – My sweetheart

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Sonya for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

## Aruba to me

**ORANJESTAD — You are back and we would like to portrait you! By inviting you to send us your favorite vacation picture while enjoying our Happy Island.**

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website, Instagram and Facebook page! Thank you for supporting our free newspaper, we strive to make you a happy reader every day again.

For today we received a lovely message from Erica and Angelo Dania from Cincinnati, Ohio. They wrote to us saying; "A teenage dream come true. I met my Aruban husband, Angelo Dania, in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the U.S., when we were 14. It was 1986. I fell in love with the island of Aruba even though I had never been there. It sounded so mystical and almost unimaginable to my impressionable, city girl mind! I had moved away from Cincinnati, when we were almost 16. After a long absence, we reconnected in 2004, when I moved back to Cincinnati. We were now 30 years old. To make



a long story short, we were married in 2006, had our daughter, Sophia, in 2009. We have visited Aruba nearly every year since 2005. Our daughter was baptized there, in Savaneta.

We have a lot of family there that we like to visit, which is a bonus! Aruba is now in my blood, after 13+ trips. After many years of dreaming. There's just no word for it. Aruba-One Happy Island!" Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □

## Heat advisory in effect until 6am on the 6th of June

A weak pressure gradient due to a disturbance at different levels will cause a weak variable wind flow. This feature will remain in place until the disturbance clears the Caribbean area.

High temperatures from Friday through Tuesday should range from 34 to 36 degrees Celsius with humidity in the low to high 80's and 90's. This will make for heat index values (apparent temperatures) around 40 to 45 degrees each day.

The heat and humidity will not subside much at night with temperatures only dropping into the high 20's, at 27 to 28 degrees Celsius. This will add to the danger for people who cannot find a way to adequately cool down.

Excessive heat is the number one weather killer. People should be prepared for the dangers excessive heat poses. Young children, elderly people and those with illnesses or heart conditions are at the most risk.

Limit outdoor activities too early in the morning or until evening. If you have an air conditioner, use it or at least open windows and allow air to circulate.

### Precautionary/preparedness actions

A heat advisory means that a period of hot temperatures is expected. The combination of hot temperatures and high humidity will combine to create a situation in which heat illnesses are possible. Drink plenty of fluids (mostly water), stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun. □



## Short history of the beginnings of baseball in Aruba

**ORANJESTAD —** Baseball was played on the island of Aruba in the 1930's, but only by United States expatriates working for LAGO and living inside the LAGO colony. Jim Bluejacket, the legendary US Indian who had played in two major league teams, worked for LAGO during 14 years and was a key factor in the growth of the popularity of the game in the colony. There is no record of Bluejacket ever playing outside the colony.



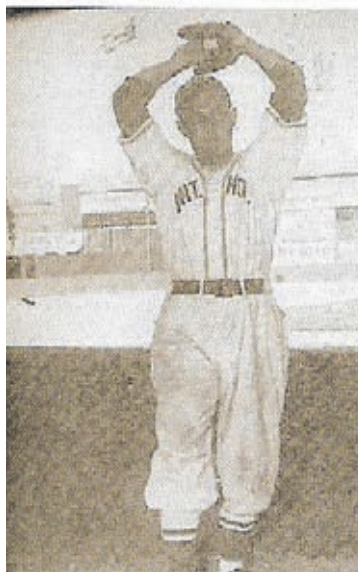
Outside the colony, the game of baseball was introduced to Aruba by Venezuelan immigrants and sailors on the Venezuelan fishing boats that used Aruba as their home port. They formed pick-up teams and played games on Sundays on an open field behind what is now the Court of Justice. One of the Venezuelans that comes to mind is Felix Garrido, grandfather of our current Prime-Minister.



In the late 30s the leader of this group was Raúl Aparicio, a cousin of Luis Aparicio who is now enshrined in the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The Aparicios were evidently very good at sports. Raúl had two brothers who also played baseball, René and Roman. Rosendo, his only brother who did not play baseball became a professional soccer player in the Venezuelan league. Rosendo was nicknamed "Cabeza de oro" (golden head) for a memorable header he scored to win a game for his team.



Interestingly, it was in Aruba that Luis Aparicio played his first game outside of Venezuela. This took place in 1950 when he played shortstop for the school he attended. Later he played for "Cabimas" in a double-header of the Venezuelan Western League. These official games of the league were authorized to be played in Aruba by the Professional Baseball Organization of Venezuela. Several others who played



in those games have also been enshrined.

Luis Aparicio's father was the super popular Luis "El Grande" (the great one) after whom the baseball stadium in Maracaibo is named. He and his brother owned the professional baseball teams "Gavilanes" which later became the "Aguilas", and the "Cabimas".

In the early '40s, another group, mostly immigrants from the Dominican Republic also became very active with pickup teams. Some of these remained active in baseball well into the early '50s; as umpires, managers even as players. Among these were Nestor "Pantin" Guerrero who also had a musical band. Perhaps not so coincidentally, many of Pantin's players were also musicians. Luthai Pantophlet who umpired many years was a well-known drummer. Gaston Hazel was a bongo player; José Bryson and the brothers Nicholson, Teddy and Julio, all played several instruments.

In San Nicolas, baseball was played on the grounds next to where the LAGO Sport Park (now Laveist Sport Park) was officially inaugurated in March 1941.

During the WWII years, baseball got a big lift from the influx of Puerto Rican and US soldiers stationed here. As LAGO was playing a very important role in the struggle against Hitler, it was able to get all the sports equipment needed here to allow more people to participate.

In the '40s only the Lago Sports Park organized baseball championship games. The first teams to participate were Artraco, (Aruba Trading Co.), Esso Garage and Botica San Lucas. In 1945 Venezuelan employees of the Lago refinery participated under the name of "Cafenol", a very popular Venezuelan coffee brand. Two other groups of Venezuelan immigrants formed the teams



"Cerveceria" (named after the iconic team Cerveceria Caracas), and "Venezuela", although not all members of these teams were Venezuelans. This was also the year that the team sponsored by Roxy Café started to play as "Dodgers". Dodgers became the dominant baseball powerhouse till the 1950s.

Other teams that entered the baseball scene in the late 1940s: Pepsi Cola (Oranjestad) and St. Thomas Boys (former students of St. Thomas College, Oranjestad). "Baby Ruth" in San Nicolas played initially under the name "Camel" and "Barnes' Ramblers" the only team consisting of Lago Colony players to participate in the Lago Sport Park championships. "Red Rock Cola" was formed in Oranjestad in 1950.

In 1952 the team Pepsi Cola became "Nesbitt's" and had players of seven countries, including two American expats from Lago Colony.

In 1950 a group of prominent members of the Aruba community founded the Amateur Baseball Bond of Aruba (ABBA) to give structure to the management of the sport and became the organizers of official championship games. While maintaining the existing teams in a league that was referred to as A-class, ABBA established a B-class league in which the "Budweiser" and "Braves" played the first years.

By 1952 Aruba became a member of the International Amateur Baseball Association and fielded a team managed by Joe Proterra,

(former pitcher of "Barnes' Ramblers"), that would play for the first time ever in the Amateur Baseball World Series that took place in Havana, Cuba in September. Surprisingly, Aruba won two of its six games and became the darling of the Havana fans. Nell Harms of the Aruban team was named the "Outstanding player of the week" for his performance against Honduras. He allowed just two hits, struck out 15 and hit the only homerun of the game. Joe Cambria, the famous scout for the Washington Senators offered him a contract, but Nel was not interested, but the next year, at the Amateur Baseball World Series in Caracas, Venezuela, Nel and Ruben Phillips did sign and in 1954 they played professional baseball the Georgia-Florida League and the Texas-New Mexico League. They were the first Arubans to play professionally, but not the only ones.

During the games in Havana, contacts were made with the organizers of Little League Baseball in Cuba which eventually resulted in the introduction of Little League in Aruba. Little League of Aruba has been extremely successful: It has produced many players who earned baseball scholarships at universities in the United States, a few who played professionally in the Netherlands and different countries in the Caribbean and five who reached the major leagues: Calvin Maduro, Eugene Kingsale, Radhames Dijkhoff, Sydney Ponson, and Xander Bogaerts one of the brightest stars of Boston Red Sox. □

Written by Mr. Clyde Harms



# History of fishing in Aruba

**ORANJESTAD — Fishing has been a family tradition for ages in Aruba. Our ancestors used to fish for a living. Even though nowadays you don't see them often we still have some passionate fishermen on the island that go out every day in search for fish to feed their families and serve our local market. One of these fisherman is Gregory Wernet.**

The so-called Continental Bank between Aruba and the opposite coast reaches a depth of about 650 feet. The sea is very rich in fish here. Since the time of the indigenous native people fish and other sea creatures such as turtles, octopus squids, conch and many type of crustaceans have formed a means of subsistence for the native Aruban inhabitants. Especially along the west coast of the island where the fishing grounds are settlements of fishermen. Until the arrival of the oil -industry Aruban fishermen could supply Aruba's wants. As a source of income, however, fishing did not amount too much. In the beginning of the 1900's approximately 160 people earn their living in this branch of this industry.



Rancho, which stands for a shed, nowadays east Oranjestad, was the head quarter and remains the fishermen's settlement. Savaneta, Noord, Santa Cruz all had their fishermen's villages. At a rough estimate there were about a hundred small fishing boats during that time. The Arubans were mainly engaged in coastal fishing, using rowing-boats or small sailing-boats, and lines or dragnets and canisters in shallow water. When fishing with deep-sea lines just over the bottom of the sea the boat is kept in place by means of a piece of rock serving as an anchor. The two most important species of fish by far caught in this manner are the parago or red snappers and a variety of groupers like the mero, jeanpao and the wowo di boyo.

Cruising off the coast the Aruban fisherman patiently waits for a fish willing to snap at the bait on the drag-line, in nets and traps. Veritable giants are sometimes caught. Barracudas weigh from 9 to 44 pounds and measure from 3 to almost 7 feet. The king-fish has a weight from 22 to 44 pounds; the moclat may tip the scales at 155, whilst garfish, having a length of nine feet, weigh over 132 pounds. Most fish caught is used for their own consumption, to feed their families and some are being sold in the market to local restaurants.

## Fisherman Gregory Wernet

Gregory Wernet is a well-known fisherman from Santa Cruz. His father taught him fishing when he was a small child. Gregory has two sons, Jordan and Jordanny, which he taught fishing too, when they were only 3 years old and he takes them fishing with him. Fishing has been a family tradition for quite a



long time and even his grandson Willvion of 7 years old is following his grandfather steps. This is the sixth generation of fishermen in their family.

They go deep sea fishing. There they catch red snapper, grouper and amberjack. They usually fish for 15 hours a day, but now due to the covid-19 measurements they go fishing from 5 in the morning until 8 o'clock at night or even sometimes from 8 at night till 5 in the morning. The day before they prepare all their fishing tools such as the Lines, lures, spears, and load their boat with fishing reels, batteries, fill the gasoline tank, lights and some food and beverages. For bait he uses sardines, squid and the small



fish known in Aruba as piskechi. The have two boats they use for fishing. 'Virgen del Valle' which is parked at the pier by the Seaport and 'Padrot' which they have at home. The fish they catch they take home to their families and they also sell it to their clients. Gregory is proud to be a fisherman. It is a honest and humble job but with it he is able to feed his family even during hard times. It is a very dangerous job and you have to spend many hours on the sea, waiting patiently and risking your life while fighting a big fish and big waves but the adrenaline it brings with it but also just sitting there listening to the sound of the waves and enjoying the marvelous view that nature has to offer is all worth it. □

Source: Etnia Nativa





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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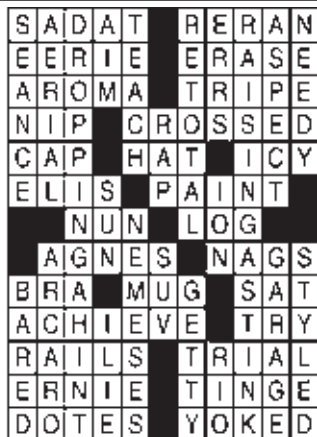
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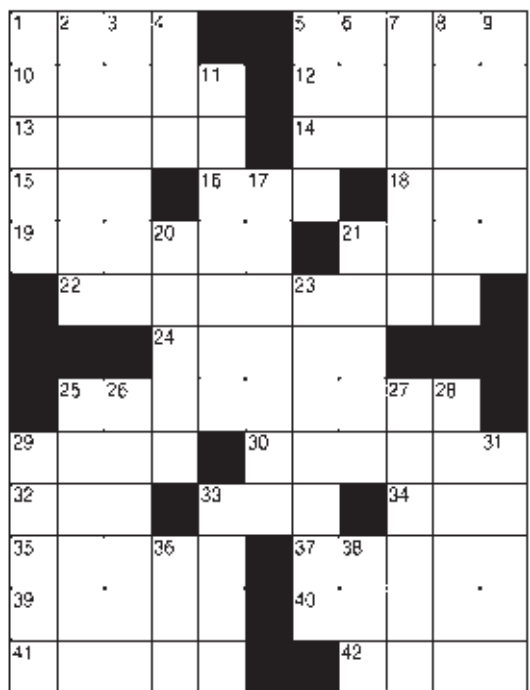
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MY MOTHER SHED HER PROTECTIVE LOVE DOWN AROUND ME AND WITHOUT KNOWING WHY PEOPLE SENSED THAT I HAD VALUE. — MAYA ANGELOU

## 5 simple ways to step up your business's TikTok game

By KELSEY SHEEHY of Nerd-Wallet

Dan Oliver, founder of Dan-O's Seasoning, was slinging his signature blends at trade shows and flea markets around the country when COVID-19 hit, shutting down his primary sales channel and forcing a hard pivot. Oliver turned to TikTok, going all-in on the video-sharing platform, and struck gold.

First, a video of him making crab cakes went viral. Daily sales increased sevenfold. A few months later, his bacon-wrapped jalapenos caught fire (figuratively), catapulting sales again.

Three years, hundreds of videos and millions of views later, Dan-O's Seasoning has expanded from an e-commerce business to a supermarket staple and overall revenue has increased nearly 10,000%. Dan-O's success isn't a one-off case. Thousands of entrepreneurs have seen



This Monday, Sept. 28, 2020, file photo, shows as logo of a smartphone app TikTok on a user post on a smartphone screen in Tokyo.

Associated Press

their businesses take off on the social video platform. After all, with TikTok you're only one viral video away from becoming the next big thing. But you have to play your cards right.

### 1. START STRONG

"The most important part of your video is the first three to five seconds," Oliver says. Jump in, make a splash and get to the point before people start to tune

out. "Start with something that's attractive, like slapping a piece of meat," Oliver says. More than a few of Oliver's TikToks start with him dropping a monster slab of beef or pork onto the cutting board (and yes, he's slapped a brisket or two). "Make it interesting and don't waste people's time." □

## Money stored in payment apps could be vulnerable



The PayPal logo hangs displayed outside their company headquarters on March 10, 2015, in San Jose, Calif.

Associated Press

By KEN SWEET AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Customers of Venmo, PayPal and CashApp should not store their money with those apps for the long term because the funds might not be safe during a crisis, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau warned Thursday.

The alert comes several weeks after the failure of Silicon Valley Bank, Signature Bank and First Republic Bank, which all experienced bank runs after fearful customers with uninsured deposits pulled their money en masse.

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# Woman walking on California beach finds ancient mastodon tooth

**APTOS, Calif. (AP)** — A woman taking a Memorial Day weekend stroll on a California beach found something unusual sticking out of the sand: a tooth from an ancient mastodon. But then the fossil vanished, and it took a media blitz and a kind-hearted jogger to find it again.

Jennifer Schuh found the foot-long (.30-meter) tooth sticking out of the sand on Friday at the mouth of Aptos Creek on Rio Del Mar State Beach, located off Monterey Bay in Santa Cruz County on California's central coast.

"I was on one side of the creek and this lady was talking to me on the other side and she said what's that at your feet," Schuh recounted. "It looked kind of weird, like burnt almost." Schuh wasn't sure what she had found. So she snapped some photos and posted them on Facebook, asking for help. The answer came from Wayne Thompson, paleontology collections advisor for the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History. Thompson determined that the object was a worn molar from an adult Pacific mastodon, an extinct elephant-like species. "This is an extremely important find," Thompson wrote, and he urged Schuh to call him.

But when they went back to the beach, the tooth was gone.

A weekend search failed to find it. Thompson then sent out a social media request for help in finding the artifact. The plea made international headlines.



This May 26, 2023, photo provided by the Jennifer Schuh shows a Mastodon Tooth in the sand at an Aptos, Calif., beach.  
Associated Press

On Tuesday, Jim Smith of nearby Aptos called the museum.

"I was so excited to get that call," said Liz Broughton, the museum's visitor experience manager. "Jim told us that he had stumbled upon it during one of his regular jogs along the beach, but wasn't sure of what he had found until he saw a picture of the tooth on the news."

Smith donated the tooth to the museum, where it will be on display Friday through Sunday.

The age of the tooth isn't

clear. A museum blog says mastodons generally roamed California from about 5 million to 10,000 years ago.

"We can safely say this specimen would be less than 1 million years old, which is relatively 'new' by fossil standards," Broughton said in an email.

Broughton said it is common for winter storms to uncover fossils in the region and it may have washed down to the ocean from higher up.

Schuh said she is thrilled that her find could help

unlock ancient secrets about the peaceful beach area. She didn't keep the tooth, but she did hop on Amazon and order herself a replica mastodon tooth necklace.

"You don't often get to touch something from history," she said.

It's only the third find of a locally recorded mastodon fossil. The museum also has another tooth along with a skull that was found by a teenager in 1980. It was found in the same Aptos Creek that empties into the ocean.

"We are thrilled about this exciting discovery and the implications it holds for our understanding of ancient life in our region," museum Executive Director Felicia B. Van Stolk said in a statement. □



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## Claressa Shields fighting for gender equality for women boxers

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**DETROIT (AP)** — Claressa Shields is perhaps in the prime of her career, establishing a big enough name as a two-time Olympic gold medalist and world champion in three weight classes to headline the first boxing card in the six-year history of Little Caesars Arena in the Motor City.

The undisputed middle-weight champion became the first woman to earn a seven-figure payday in her last two fights and is expected to make another \$1 million Saturday night when she faces top-ranked contender Maricela Cornejo in the home of the Detroit Red Wings and Pistons.

Shields grew up poor in Flint, Michigan, and has earned enough money to become rich at 28. Still, she laments the gender inequities in boxing.

TV and streaming deals are 10 to 20 times more lucrative for men than women, according to Shields' promoter, Dmitry Salita. Typically, male boxers make about \$3 million per fight while female fighters just recently started getting seven figures for a night in the ring, while some earn more and many make much less. "We don't get the equal



Claressa Shields poses with her prize belts after an interview, Tuesday, May 30, 2023, in Detroit. Claressa Shields poses with her prize belts after an interview, Tuesday, May 30, 2023, in Detroit.

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TV time, the equal promotion, equal pay," Shields said earlier this week in an interview with The Associated Press. "That's what I've been trying to do with my platform, make sure I get all of that." Shields is boxing in a marquee event in part because sports-streaming service DAZN stepped up enough financially to help facilitate the fight.

Women in boxing have shown they can sell out big arenas, as Katie Taylor and Amanda Serrano did 13

months ago at New York's Madison Square Garden, but they're not compensated as well as men in the same sport.

"It's like any other profession where the women still haven't caught up," said Jackie Kallen, a 77-year-old former boxing publicist and manager, who was commissioner of the International Female Boxing Association when it was founded in 1997.

"It's got a ways to go. They take a beating just

like the men. They bleed just like the men, but they don't get paid just like the men." Boxing Hall of Famer Christy Martin, whose bloody nose in the ring 27 years ago landed her on the cover of Sports Illustrated, said she would've never imagined women in the sport headlining cards in big-time arenas as they do now.

Martin, though, said the lack of a deep talent pool limits opportunities.

"If you look back at the

real old-timers in the sport, they would fight every other week," the 54-year-old Martin said in a telephone interview from Texas. "Now, we're lucky to see champions once a year."

Shields (13-0, 2 knockouts) turned pro in 2016 after becoming the first U.S. boxer female, or male to win consecutive Olympic gold medals and is averaging two fights a year.

Cornejo (16-5, 6 KOs) replaced Hanna Gabriels (21-2-1, 12 KOs) last week in the 160-pound division title fight after the Costa Rican was removed from the card due to results from a Voluntary Anti-Doping Association test in May.

Shields' last boxing match was last year in London, where she topped Britain's first all-female card and beat Savannah Marshall in a sold-out arena.

Making the most of her finite fame, Shields plans to compete in mixed martial arts for a third time later this year with the Professional Fighters League.

"To have to fight mixed martial arts on the side just to pick up the money because there's not enough money in boxing, that makes me sad because that's not really her sport," Kallen said. □

## Phil Neville fired as Miami's coach in MLS after 2 1/2 seasons

**MIAMI (AP)** — Phil Neville was fired Thursday halfway through his third season as coach of David Beckham's

Inter Miami with the team last in Major League Soccer's Eastern Conference. Miami also fired assistant

coach Jason Kreis and promoted Javier Morales, another assistant, to interim head coach.

"I have watched him work incredibly hard and with real commitment towards the ambitions we set out for the club," Beckham said in a statement. "Sometimes in this game we have to make the toughest decisions and sadly we feel the time is right to make a change."

The 46-year-old Neville is a former teammate of Beckham's on Manchester United and England's national team, making 56 international appearances from 1996-2007. He coached England's women's nation-

al team from 2018 until he was hired by Miami in January 2021.

"I'm grateful to have played a part in the growth of this club," Neville said in a statement released by the team.

Miami had 12 wins, 17 losses and 10 draws in its first MLS season under Neville, finishing 11th and missing the playoffs, then finished sixth last season with 14 wins, 14 losses and six draws. Miami lost to New York City 3-0 in the first round of the post-season.

Miami has five wins and 10 losses in the league this season, opening with a pair of wins, losing six straight, winning three in a row and

then losing its last four.

"Sometimes the path to growth involves difficult decisions and today is one of those moments," managing owner Jorge Mas said in a statement. "We are grateful to Phil for the dedication and tenacity he brought to Inter Miami. His positive contributions are embedded in our team culture and he represented our club with class and dignity."

Neville became the third MLS coach fired this season. Chicago replaced Ezra Hendrickson with Frank Klopas on May 8, the same day the New York Red Bulls' Gerhard Struber was replaced by Troy Lesesne. □



Inter Miami head coach Phil Neville watches during the first half of an MLS soccer match against Orlando City, Saturday, May 20, 2023, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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# Mile-High NBA advantage: Denver altitude helps Nuggets

By **PAT GRAHAM**  
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**DENVER (AP)** — Joking around before the start of the NBA Finals, Charles Barkley and Grant Hill took hits from oxygen masks they brought onto the set for a pregame TV show.

But the thin air in Denver is no joke. There's a reason it's known as the Mile High City.

The city sits 5,280 feet above sea level and there's plenty of science that shows just how altitude impacts any athlete including basketball players. The Denver Nuggets have been using the lung-searing elevation to their advantage for years especially during these playoffs.

With their 104-93 win over the Miami Heat on Thursday, the Nuggets improved to 9-0 at home during their postseason run. Yes, Nikola Jokic, Jamal Murray and friends have a lot to do with it. But altitude deserves an assist. The Nuggets try to push the pace to make the Heat feel the burn coming in from sea level.

"So there's just as much as oxygen in Denver as there is in Miami," explained Randy Wilber, a senior sports physi-



**Miami Heat forward Jimmy Butler (22) is defended by Denver Nuggets guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, left, during the first half of Game 1 of basketball's NBA Finals, Thursday, June 1, 2023, in Denver.**

ologist for the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee. "What's different is the barometric pressure in Denver is significantly lower than in Miami. ... So ultimately, yes, you're getting less oxygen to your working muscles.

"That's a fact. That's not a wives tale. That's not a myth."

The Nuggets know it. And

they remind opponents of it. There's a sign that greets visiting teams entering Ball Arena listing the elevation. Before games, the stadium announcer proclaims the challenges of playing at altitude.

The Heat, though, aren't letting it get into their heads.

"I don't think that was part of the game," Heat cen-

ter Bam Adebayo said of the role of elevation after Game 1. "I didn't even think about the altitude until you just said it."

To the Heat, the adjustments for Game 2 on Sunday night have more to do with shot making than altitude concerns. The Miami trio of Caleb Martin, Max Strus and Duncan Robinson went a combined 2 for 23

from the floor.

The Heat have shown they can soar at elevation.

Miami beat San Antonio in December in Mexico City, where the altitude is 7,350 feet above sea level. Heat guard Jimmy Butler even found a unique strategy that seemed to work: Eating grasshoppers, a local delicacy, along with drinking some tequila.

It worked so well for him in Mexico City he had 26 points he floated a similar plan in Denver.

"You've just got to listen to music, drink water, drink wine, play Spades (a card game) and dominoes," Butler said before the series. While the Nuggets players are obviously more comfortable playing in the thin air, they aren't immune to the effects of altitude. Reserve Bruce Brown said he experienced cramps in Game 1.

"You've got to get used to the altitude," Brown said.

Getting acclimated to the elevation typically takes about five days for an elite athlete, Wilber said.

Theoretically, it should put the Heat on schedule for Sunday's game. □

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# Nadal has arthroscopic surgery for the hip injury

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**PARIS (AP)** — Rafael Nadal had arthroscopic surgery on Friday night for the injured left hip flexor that forced him to sit out the French Open for the first time since he won the first of his record 14 titles there in his 2005 tournament debut.

Nadal's spokesman, Benito Perez-Barbadillo, said three doctors were involved in the procedure, which was taking place in Barcelona. Perez-Barbadillo said he expected to be able to pass along information about the operation on Saturday, which is Nadal's 37th birth-

day.

The Spaniard hasn't competed anywhere since he lost to Mackenzie McDonald in the second round of the Australian Open on Jan. 18. Nadal's movement clearly was restricted for much of that match and he ended up with his earliest exit at any Grand Slam tournament since 2016.

An MRI exam the next day revealed the extent of the injury, and Perez-Barbadillo said at the time that Nadal was expected to need up to two months to fully recover. He initially aimed to enter the Monte Carlo Masters in March on his beloved red clay, but he

wasn't able to play there, then subsequently sat out tournament after tournament, decreasing the likelihood that he would be ready for the French Open. Nadal announced during a news conference at his tennis academy in Manacor, Spain, on May 18 that he would need to miss this year's trip to compete in Paris. He said he is not sure when or, truly, if he'll be able to return to the tour, but said he figures next season will be his last before retirement.

He is just 1-3 this season and has dropped seven of his past nine matches overall, dating to a fourth-round



**Rafael Nadal, of Spain, plays a backhand return to Mackenzie McDonald, of the U.S., during their second-round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 18, 2023.**

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loss to Frances Tiafoe in the U.S. Open's fourth round last September.

Nadal is tied with Novak Djokovic for the men's record of 22 major championships. Djokovic is currently competing at Roland

Garros he moved into the fourth round with a three-set victory over Alejandro Davidovich Fokina at Court Philippe Chatrier on Friday and is now four match wins away from pulling ahead of Nadal for the first time. □



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